

HOME COMING DAY IS PLANNED FAIR WEEK

First Day of Big Event to be Given Over to Catawba People Returning for a Visit-- Education and Livestock to be Featured.

A Home-Coming for the first day of the Catawba County Fair, to be held here November 3, 4 and 5 was decided on at a meeting of directors and business men in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce last night. This is expected to bring Catawba county people who have strayed from the fold, an opportunity to return to see what those who were left behind have been doing for themselves. President Robinson was in the chair and Secretary Henderson was at his place. In addition to a Home-Coming day, which will be featured by a general parade in which the fire company will participate, the meeting planned for Educational Day and a Live Stock show succeeding days. Committees will hustle here have named for the three days.

The committee on Home-Coming is composed of Messrs. A. M. West, Stone and H. E. Whitener; on Educational Day, Prof. C. M. Staley, Geo. Long and Prof. A. S. Bannister; and on Livestock Day Messrs. H. E. Mask, L. M. Bollinger and W. W. Mauer.

In Home-Coming Day there will be the greatest show ever before. It was stated, a general parade, in which everybody will participate especially those Catawba folks who come back for a visit. On the second or Educational Day the school children will have a parade and Catawba's greatest show ever before. The third day will see an exhibition of the live stock of the county.

Since some mighty attractive premiums have been offered, there is no doubt that interest will be acute in the exhibits. There ought to be more people here than ever before. An airplane will make two flights a day during fair week, and there will be other wholesome amusements.

HICKORY DOCTORS AT THE MEDICAL MEET

(By George F. Cochrane.)
Newton, Sept. 15.—In the monthly meeting of the Catawba Medical Society yesterday afternoon, when 14 of the 20 members were present, Dr. T. C. Blackburn and Dr. C. G. Hunsucker of Hickory read interesting papers; Dr. H. E. Rowe of Newton was elected a member of the society, and the next meeting was fixed for the first Monday in next month at Maiden, when a joint session will be held with the Lincoln society. Drs. Sloan, Crowell and Thompson of Lincoln were visitors.

Dr. Blackburn discussed that mystery of the mountains, "Milk Sickness," a deadly malady originating in drinking the milk of cows which have eaten poisonous plants growing on rank, decayed vegetation in dark, dank places in ravines where the sun never shines. Whole settlements in the mountains are sometimes stricken with the sickness and it is very often fatal. Dr. Blackburn's theory was that free purgation and stimulation were the only helps in such cases. The poison is so virile that often a patient can absorb large quantities of spirits without intoxication or other apparent effect. So much, in fact, that the patient started in these days would be inclined to risk milk sickness in order to get outside a keg of brandy. Of course the doctor didn't mention all these ideas in his learned discussion.

Dr. Hunsucker talked about infection and the relation of organisms to disease. He traced the idea of illness from the pagan conception that it was an ign of disfavor with the gods down to the presentation of the germ theory by Pasteur.

In County Court.

In the county court yesterday J. V. Early and Clyde Detz of Hickory and John Wilson and Make Hoke of Newton were tried for an affray one night last week when Wilson was cut in the back. Judgment was suspended in the case of Wilson and Detz while Early paid \$10 and costs of \$8.50, and \$10 medical fee for Wilson, and Hoke paid \$5 fine and costs.

Another case of interest was that of the Maiden Bank against Theodore Hewitt and A. W. Setzer for payment of a \$125 note. Then one was endorsed by the defendants two years ago, for Walter Rhyme, a ministerial student, and was made payable to the Bank of Lynchburg, S. C. The Maiden Bank presented it for collection, and the name of the South Carolina bank had been erased and that of the Maiden bank substituted. The defense resisted payment on the ground that the alteration made the note void. The court so held and the defense won the decision.

TOO MUCH PRAISE.

A colored servant had been discharged by her mistress because of various failings, and a few days afterward called with a request for a recommendation, says Housekeeper. Her future employer, with the best heart in the world desired to assist her in obtaining a new situation and wrote a letter which dilated upon all the colored girl's good qualities and made no mention of her shortcomings. Binal read the letter with glowing eyes, her black face shining more with every word. When she had finished, she turned to the lady and said:

"Laws, missus, but yo' cert'ly did say dat nice. Now, missus, with strong recommend like dat ter back me, don't yo' think yo' could hire me fo' dat job again?"

DIRECTORS TO MEET

The directors of the Hickory Library association will meet in the library Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

RUSSIANS HOLD GERMANS IN CHECK?

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 15.—Although Field Marshal von Hindenberg's cavalry is astride the Petrograd railroad and the Germans have made a large capture of prisoners in Courland, the Russians are not only again checking the attempts of the Austrians to resume the offensive in Galicia, but are assuming the offensive. The point where the German cavalry cut the railroad between Vilna and Varnsk is about 400 miles from Petrograd.

The Russians assert that they have formed a dangerous salient in the line on which the Germans must advance. Signs that great events will take place in the vicinity of Vilna, as predicted a fortnight ago, seem to be in evidence.

Further along the line the German armies are on both sides of the Nicmen, but have not yet formed a junction and the Russians still are withdrawing and fighting stubborn rearguard actions.

The Russians are continuing to hold their own in Galicia.

SOME NEWTON NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

(By Geo. F. Cochrane.)
Newton, September 15.—Catawba's protest to the state tax commission has gone forward, but there is little hope entertained here that the 15 per cent increase will be reduced. Republicans are expected to make much capital of it in this county, while those who see in the increase a chance to wipe the opprobrium of "pauper" from the Catawba escutcheon, Catawba being one of the dependent or "pauper" counties—fine as it is.

The death in Charlotte Monday of the popular Frank Cooper gave many people a pang of regret in this town, where he is well known. Mrs. Cooper is a niece of Mrs. P. C. Hall and Andrew M. Wilson of this place.

Pastor May Change.

Rev. M. A. Adams, pastor of the local Baptist church, is contemplating a change that may lead him to the South Fork Institute at Maiden, or into the evangelistic field, or perhaps into the pastoral ministry. He has given his people notice that he could not remain here longer than June and that in the meantime he had several calls he would consider, and should they feel inclined, they might release him at the end of the pastoral year, which is November 1, next. It is probable that he will sever his connection here at this time. Since common he demolished a small, antiquated edifice and replaced it with one of the handsomest church buildings in Western North Carolina, and has greatly enhanced his already well-known reputation as a builder of churches.

ELOPMENT FRUSTRATED.

News of a frustrated elopment has reached town from the country in which a couple of young lovers had planned to motor to South Carolina and marry. Anzie Hudson had secured the services of a Ford and was waiting at the place appointed for a young daughter of Robert Bost, a farmer, and she was warily making her way to the machine and got within heartening distance of it when her father appeared as if from the ground and Cupid's plans went to smash. The groom to be was a helpless, wretched witness of the whole scene.

Negro Campmeeting Ends Sunday.

The big negro campmeeting at Mackenzie's campground closed with no killed or wounded. One Lincoln county negro was arrested for drunkenness, while a white man from the Catawba section, finding the crowd in his path, pulled a gun and waving it as Moses might have waved his rod at the Red sea, parted the thousands as the waters rolled away then, and one man whose auto stood in the road, hurriedly cranked it and got away from there. The officers today are looking for the self-appointed traffic cop.

To Prepare for Contest.

Catawba county farmer boys and girls too are invited to meet at the Lutch Dairy Farms October 1 with County Agent Mask and Agent Reed of West Raleigh, and take a primary course in judging dairy cattle, as they can be qualified to enter the contest at Hickory during the fair Nov. when three prizes of \$20, \$12 and \$8 will be awarded to those who make the best estimate of the good qualities of their dairy cattle.

ANOTHER GREAT WAR LOAN ASKED SHOT THEIR LAST BOLT

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 15.—The British government was made today that Premier Asquith will ask the house of commons this afternoon to vote a credit of \$1,250,000,000, not only for the support of the army and navy, but to take care of the growing civil list.

FINED DOLLAR FOR ENGAGING IN FIGHT

Mr. C. W. Bagby was fined \$1 and costs in recorder's court yesterday afternoon for his part in an affray with Mr. R. O. Abernethy, against whom there was no case. Mr. Abernethy was represented by Mr. C. L. Whitener.

Mr. R. D. Donivant was bound over to court on the charge of false pretense. Mr. J. F. Punch was the prosecutor. The case was the result of a mule trade, in which Mr. Punch alleged that the animal was misrepresented. Mr. Donivant's bond was placed at \$200 and was furnished by Mr. T. L. Hinkle.

A white man named Brown was fined \$10 and costs for being drunk and disorderly. He resisted arrest and when placed in a cell proceeded to show that he was a strong man by handling the furnishings roughly.

AN EFFORT TO REHEAR NOTARY PUBLIC CASE

(Special to the Record.)
Raleigh, Sept. 15.—The supreme court has before it the question of re-opening the famous notary public case, in which it was held by a vote of three to two that women are not eligible to serve as notaries. Judge Hoke is considering the question.

After passing on the petition he may or may not direct the clerk of the supreme court to rehear the case on the date set for rehearing. Then the court will decide if a rehearing is allowed, whether there shall be any oral argument. The rule is that within 10 days after a case is ordered reheard there shall be filed the brief for the petitioners and then 10 days thereafter there shall be the brief for the other side. Then if there be oral argument allowed a time for this would be fixed.

Members of the court say that while there are frequent petitions for rehearing are filed with one and another of the members of the court by the losing sides in litigations, a very small per cent of them are ever allowed. However, there is no slightest indication as to the probable result of the pending effort. The petition to rehear was filed by the law firm of Martin, Rollins and Wright of Asheville and John A. McRea of Charlotte.

The petition is accompanied by a lengthy appeal in which it is pleaded that there are no authorities to justify the ruling that women are not eligible to notarial appointments, but that there are a great weight of authorities sustaining their right. It is insisted that the supreme court erred in holding that a notary public is a public office, but merely a place of trust and profit and public employment. The endorsers of the petition to rehear are: R. R. Williams J. J. Britt and Gallatin Roberts of Asheville and Walter E. Moore of Webster.

HICKORY BOY SCOUTS IN THEIR NEW HOME

The Boy Scouts took possession of their new headquarters yesterday afternoon. The scouts in a few hours made a wonderful change in the appearance of the room, which was swept, and all the windows washed. A pile of old lumber and trash was also moved.

The room is located over the Hickory Banking and Trust Company. It is equipped with half a hundred lockers for the boys' use and was formerly used as an armory by the local military company.

The public is invited to come up and inspect the new scout headquarters.

The scouts are now planning a money campaign as several hundred dollars is needed to equip the room with the necessary apparatus. The date selected for his campaign and full particulars will follow soon. The scouts are very much interested in the Record, as all are out to help the town in every way possible, and believe that the daily is one of the best things Hickory has.

HARRISON DEFEATS BLAIR IN NOMINATION

(Special to the Record.)
Baltimore, Sept. 15.—Emerson C. Harrison, state comptroller, yesterday decisively defeated United States Senator Lee Blair at the Democratic primary for governor. Harrison carried 16 of the 23 counties and two of the four districts in Baltimore, giving him a majority of at least 15 votes in the state convention. Overton Weathers was the Republican choice for governor.

SAYS GERMANS AGITATION AGAINST BIG WAR LOAN NOW ASSUMES NATION-WIDE PROPORTIONS

(By the Associated Press.)
London, Sept. 15.—"The Germans appear almost to have shot their bolt," said Earl Kitchener, British secretary for war, today. "The advance in Russia which at one time averaged five miles a day now has diminished to less than one mile per day."

OFFICERS ON LOOKOUT FOR FOREST CITY MAN

Hickory police officers last night received a telegram from Forest City requesting them to be on the lookout for a man named Brown, said to be the brother of a person by that name held here, who is wanted in Forest City in connection with a murder. The following Forest City special is today's Charlotte Observer explains the affair:

"A Mrs. Hensley, who lives two miles south of town, was today committed to jail and denied bond in connection with the death of Dave Wilson, who was shot and killed at her home yesterday afternoon late, and a man named Guffy was held under a \$500 bond by the coroner's jury which investigated the homicide.

"Wilson and Guffy about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon were seen to drive from Forest City out toward the Hensley place. This morning it became known that Wilson was dead and Coroner Butler had an autopsy performed by Dr. C. H. Herpman, who found that a bullet had struck Wilson in the back of the head and ranged down the spinal column, while another had entered his right side and was fixed in the liver. Either shot, it was said, would have proved fatal.

"Guffy, placed on the stand, was rather confused and little could be gained from his testimony. However, the evidence given by a young girl who was in the house at the time of the shooting indicated that the shots were fired by Ralph Brown, a son-in-law of Mrs. Hensley.

"Mrs. Hensley refused to talk. Brown with his wife and a son of Mrs. Hensley left the scene last night and have not been seen since. The jury decided that Wilson died as a result of the shots fired either by Wilson or Brown.

"Wilson was a prominent farmer of the county and was a small merchant, also. He had once been tried with Mrs. Hensley for a statutory offense."

VILLA STILL THINKS HE'S SOME FIGHTER

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 11.—General Villa telegraphed his representatives today from Torreon that his forces still held Torreon and that the morale of his men were good. He denied that they were panic-stricken and said they would always perform their duty. He was confident of regaining lost ground.

AMERICAN TROOPER HANGED

(By the Associated Press.)
Monterey, Cal., Sept. 15.—The body of John W. Williams, United States cavalry, was found hanging in his room here today. Some officers said he was murdered.

TO RESUME WORK AT WHITNEY PLANT

(By the Associated Press.)
Concord, Sept. 15.—The American Aluminum Company of Pittsburgh, it was learned today, has taken over the Southern Aluminum Company, which has been endeavoring to develop the great water power at Whitney. The transaction involves \$6,000,000, and work is expected to be resumed shortly.

TELLS PRESIDENT WAR WILL NOT END SOON

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 11.—President Wilson today was told by Dr. Aletha H. Jacobs of Amsterdam, Holland, that there is little prospect of an early European peace. Dr. Jacobs was a delegate to the woman's peace conference at The Hague, and she talked about the plans of the women for action by the United States and other neutrals to bring the war to an end. She said she did not expect the United States to take action soon.

MARKETS

(By the Associated Press.)
COTTON FUTURES
New York, Sept. 15.—Cotton futures opened steady.
October, 10.62; December, 10.96; January, 11.09; March, 11.41; May 11.72.
Cotton closed steady.
October, 10.88; December, 11.20; January, 11.39; March, 11.66; May, 11.93.
NEW YORK COTTON
(By the Associated Press.)
New York, Sept. 15.—The cotton market showed continued activity and strength at the opening today on reports that the boll weevil had invaded 21 counties in Georgia, on Liverpool cables and an advance in the southern spot markets. The market opened 3 points above last night's close and soon sold 10 to 11 points above.

(By the Associated Press.)
NEW YORK STOCKS
New York, Sept. 15.—Trading in these trees today really was a repetition of the last few days, war shares being the only features of interest. Bethlehem Steel continued making a new high record and Crucible Steel advanced to 96½, an overnight gain of 1%. United States Steel again evinced uncertain tendencies, opening at a decline, but recovering and then reacting.

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DON'T EXPECT ANY RELIEF IN TAXES

Hickory city officials share the opinion of the county board of commissioners that the state tax commission will not reduce the increased assessment of 15 per cent on real estate, although they are awaiting with some interest announcement of how the protest was received in Raleigh.

A number of other counties have entered protests, among the number being Gaston, Forsyth and others. The commission, it has been stated in Raleigh, went into the question pretty thoroughly, and nearly everybody feels that there will be nothing doing.

HOPE GERMAN WILL MODIFY HER VIEWS

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 15.—State department officials, commenting on the disclaimer of the German government as to the torpedoing of the Hesperian, said insufficient evidence had been received on which to base representations to Germany at this time. From the facts at hand they could not say whether the ship struck a mine or was torpedoed. It is stated that large parts of metal found on deck may determine whether the ship was a victim of a mine or torpedo. If it is determined that the Hesperian struck a mine, there will be no means of fixing the responsibility.

Diplomatic relations in the Arabic case were at an apparent standstill today, Count Bernstorff has gone to Cedarhurst, L. I., to avoid word from his government regarding the sinking of the vessel. Some officials believe an examination of the evidence will cause the German government to modify its views.

No word has been received from Ambassador Penfield in Vienna regarding the recall of Ambassador Dumba.

CITY COUNCIL MET FOR ROUTINE WORK

City Council at its regular meeting last night deferred until tomorrow night the question of taking up the revised ordinances and the ordinances for a more stringent observance of Sunday. Several nice points came up for settlement in taxation and school matters, and council passed on second reading the ordinance reducing the tax rate. All members were present.

City Council passed a second and final reading the resolution reducing the tax rate from \$1.60 to \$1.50 on \$100 in the city of Hickory. The poll tax is reduced from \$4.50 to \$4.50. This action was taken on the assumption that the state tax commission will stand pat on its 15 per cent increase in real estate.

Prof. C. M. Staley brought up the question of school attendance of persons living outside the city limits without the necessity of paying tuition. It is no jurisdiction in the matter. When a man lives outside, he must pay tuition.

The Hickory Library Association having appointed three directors of the association, council named two members, Mrs. Worth Elliott and Dr. W. H. Nicholson. Those named by the association are Mrs. Geo. F. Ivey, Mrs. Ed Yoder and Prof. Staley.

City Manager Cornwell reported that so far only one person had indicated an intention of taking advantage of the ten-year Twelfth street improvement bonds. The great majority of the tax-payers say they will pay for the improvements without the formality of bonds.

Mayor Shuford suggested that a special meeting of the city council be necessary to consider the revised ordinances. Council had 144 separate ordinances before it and the job of considering them is not a small task. Council will meet Thursday night at 7:30. The Sunday night-closing ordinance Council had 144 separate ordinances before it.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN PROGRESS IN FRANCE

(By the Associated Press.)
Basel, Switzerland, via Paris, Sept. 15.—French and German armies near the Swiss border are unusually active and additional divisions of infantry appear to have arrived. Violent actions are in progress.

A New Complaint.

A German whose wife was ill at the Semey Hospital, Brooklyn, called the first evening she was there and inquired how she was getting along. He was told that she was improving, relates the Medical Pickwick.

Next day he called again, and was told she was still improving. This went on for some time, each day the report being that his wife was improving.

Finally one night when he called he was told that his wife was dead. Seeing the doctor, he went up to him and said, with a word of sarcasm in his voice:

"Well, doctor, vat did she die of—improvements?"

Seems to Have Become Nation-wide Plot, With Threats of Bank Runs, Panics and Homicide if Loan is Successful---Washington Stands Pat.

HOPE GERMAN WILL MODIFY HER VIEWS

New York, Sept. 15.—The pro-German campaign against the flotation of the billion dollar credit loan in the United States to Great Britain and France seems to have assumed the proportions of a country-wide plot, threatening not only to boycott banks, cause a run on banks, precipitate strikes, but actually threatening death to members of the commission.

The guards have been redoubled around the foreign financiers, and they will not appear on the streets without strong guards.

More than 50 threatening letters have been received by the commission, the contents running from abuse to threats against their lives. Some of the letters were turned over to the police, who are seeking to find their authors.

The members of the commission do not appear together on the streets, and when a member goes anywhere there is at least one detective at his heels.

New York, Sept. 15.—The Anglo-French financial commission heard today that German agents, alarmed at the momentum gained in the last few days to end Great Britain and France \$1,000,000,000 with which to buy war supplies in this country, have instituted a nation-wide agitation against the loan. Some of the Germans in the country have already taken action.

According to information coming to the attention of the commission, American citizens of German nativity or German origin have set in motion a plan which includes not only a negative stand in refusing to participate, but embraces extreme measures against German-American banks for participating.

Heavy withdrawals of deposits are threatened if the banks participate in the loan.

RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 15.—Protests against the Anglo-French credit loan were received today from various parts of the union. One man in Michigan wired that if the loan is floated runs will be made on banks and panics precipitated. No organized efforts have been made here against it.

No protest has been received from the German government and the American government is said to have no intention of interfering with the efforts of the commission. Officials in close touch said the question had not been formally considered by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. They did the view, it is said, that inasmuch as the money to be raised is to be applied to buying goods in this country, there is no reason to interfere.

One communication characterized the plans for the loan as unusual. It is authoritatively stated that the department has no objection to the credit loans as contemplated.

French Red Tape

A little story that comes from Paris would seem to give color to the oft-repeated assertion that the French Republic, through its officials, is badly tangled in "red tape." This is the story:

Comfortably seated in a railroad coach of the third class, a functionary of a prefecture was studying a report. He was furnished with a led pencil and was making notes. Suddenly he was addressed by a traveler. "Monsieur, I am traveling inspector of police. Will you permit me to look at the pencil?"

The inspector examined the pencil and put it in his pocket. "I shall seize it," he said. "It comes from the house of Hardtmuth, a German house."

The traveler protested and stated his occupation.

"I regret this," said the inspector. "Give me your name, your address, and I shall have you reimbursed the value of your pencil by eight days by the general treasury of your department."

Commenting on this, Le Cre de Paris says that the esteemed employes of the departmental treasury will not fail to send in a few months 5 centimes (about 1 cent!) to the owner of the pencil—and how much paper was wasted to effect this reimbursement!

Mr. W. L. Henderson, formerly city editor of the New Bern Sun, passed through the city today en route to Dillsboro to spend his vacation.

Mr. F. W. Amos of Newton was in the city today.

Miss Eva Penney returned today from a short visit to Asheville.